

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 14 to 26 and 39 to 49 are pending in the application.

The specification has been amended to insert particulars of co-pending U.S. Patent application serial number 08/882,491, filed June 25, 1997, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,381,013, on April 30, 2002. The claims are unamended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103

Claims 14 to 26 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. To meet this rejection, a terminal disclaimer, signed by Applicant's Attorney, accompanies this response.

Applicant notes that an assignment of this application from the inventor to Richardson Technologies Inc. (copy enclosed) has been submitted for registration by facsimile to the PTO. Prior U.S. Patent No. 6,381,013 issued in the name of Northern Associates. Articles of Amalgamation showing the amalgamation of Northern Associates Inc. into Richardson Technologies Inc. was submitted by the undersigned for registration against U.S. Patent No. 6,381,013 on March 24, 2005.

Claims 39 to 49 have previously been indicated to be allowable.

Comments

Applicant has been required to submit in a separate paper all patents, publications, or other information to be considered by the Office. An Information Disclosure Statement and copies of references listed therein are enclosed. This submission includes copies of all references cited on page 2 of the specification, as required in the outstanding action.

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A Power of Attorney (copy enclosed) in favor of the undersigned has been submitted to the PTO separately.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

A petition for extension of time for responding to the outstanding Action accompanies this response.

In the event that any official wishes to telephone, the call should be directed to the undersigned at (416) 865-8121.

Yours very truly,



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- Attachments:
1. Power of Attorney.
 2. IDS and references cited therein.
 3. Terminal Disclaimer.
 4. Assignment of U.S.S.N. 09/773,674 to Richardson Technologies Inc.
 5. Articles of Amalgamation showing Amalgamation of Northern Edge Associates into Richardson Technologies Inc.
 6. Petition for Extension of Time.
 7. Terminal Disclaimer Fee.